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VIA HAND DELIVERY

**Re: Inquiry Concerning Judge #96 – Judge Sharon Keller;
Objections Hearing Procedure**

Dear Mr. McKetta, Ms. Willing, and Mr. Babcock:

As previously notified, the Hearing on Objections is scheduled for **Friday, June 18, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.**, before the State Commission on Judicial Conduct in Room 140 of the John H. Reagan Building, located at 105 W. 15th St., Austin, Texas 78701. The Commission has established the procedure for the hearing as follows:

Examiner shall open and close.

1. Examiner shall have 60 minutes - without interruption - to reiterate, as Examiner deems necessary, the points made in "Examiner's Objections and Responses to Special Master's Findings of Fact." Said presentation may consist of oral argument to the Commission and/or the use of projected images, such as PowerPoint. Examiner may allocate the allotted time between opening and closing, as Examiner deems appropriate.

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2. Upon conclusion of Examiner's opening presentation, members of the Commission shall, each in turn, have such time as each said Commission member shall desire to pose questions to Examiner.

Counsel for Respondent shall then proceed.

1. Counsel for Respondent shall have 60 minutes - without interruption - to reiterate, as Counsel for Respondent deems necessary, the points made in "[Respondent's] Objections to the Special Master's Findings of Fact." Said presentation may consist of oral argument to the Commission and/or the use of projected images, such as PowerPoint.
2. Upon conclusion of Counsel for Respondent's presentation, members of the Commission shall, each in turn, have such time as each said Commission member shall desire to pose questions to Counsel for Respondent.

Examiner shall then close, using the time remaining from Examiner's allotted 60 minutes.

The Commission shall then close the hearing without further questioning of either party, and shall thereafter reconvene in closed session in order to deliberate.

Prior to the hearing, the parties shall exchange copies (in CD and hard copy format) of any PowerPoint presentations or documents they intend to use during the hearing. The parties shall also provide thirteen (13) copies of their presentations and documents (in CD and hard copy format) to the Clerk of the Commission, one (1) for filing in the official record of the case, and twelve (12) for dissemination by the Clerk to each member of the Commission for use during the hearing

Please feel free to contact either me or Commission General Counsel Bob Warneke, Jr., if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Thompson
Clerk of the Commission